

In the Specification:

Insert the attached sequence listing at the end of the application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 6, with the following amended paragraph.

In the present invention, the dsRNA, or siRNA, is complementary to the mRNA sequence of a *cpg15* mRNA and can reduce or inhibit expression of soluble CPG15. Preferably, the decrease in s-CPG15 protein expression is at least 10% relative to cells treated with a control dsRNA, shRNA, or siRNA, more preferably 25%, and most preferably at least 50%. Methods for assaying levels of protein expression are also well known in the art and include western blotting, immunoprecipitation, and ELISA. In one example, the siRNA is a small hairpin RNA having the following sequence: GGGCTTTTCAGACTGTTTG GGGCUUUUCAGACTGTTTG (SEQ ID NO: 2). In another example, the siRNA is a small hairpin RNA having the following sequence: GTTGAACGGCAGATATATT GTTGAACGGCAGAUUAUUAU (SEQ ID NO: 3).